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Aadhaar Enabled Payment System under MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) workers who have shared their Aadhaar details with the Ministry as of today and the number of workers out of them are being paid through the Aadhaar enabled payment system as of today;

(b) whether inadequate bank infrastructure is preventing the linkage of Aadhaar numbers with bank accounts for MGNREGS workers thus being a setback for the Aadhaar enabled payment system;

(c) the details of mechanism through which the Government proposes to monitor the status of Aadhaar enabled payment which is crucial for preventing leakages in disbursal of wages and promoting financial inclusion; and

(d) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to improve internet connectivity for smoother operation of Aadhaar enabled payment system as out of the 6,874 blocks under MGNREGS, 2520 blocks face connectivity problems even though 6326 blocks have internet connection?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a): The number of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) workers who have shared their Aadhaar details with the Ministry (NREGASoft) and the numbers of workers paid through the Aadhaar based payment system (as on 24.07.2017) is given at Annexure.

(b): No, Madam.

(c): Under MGNREGA, DBT is monitored through MIS called NREGASoft. After Aadhaar is seeded in NREGASoft then it is sent to UIDAI through AUA/ASA for demographic verification. The Ministry is performing NPCI Mapper check regularly to check linkage of Aadhaar number with bank account and converts worker payment mode into Aadhaar payment system, if consent of the workers is available and Aadhaar is mapped on NPCI mapper.

(d): The blocks having internet connectivity issues for implementation of MGNREGA has been shared with Department of Telecommunication to improve the connectivity.

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